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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) estimated a record high 93.6 million acres of corn planted area for 2016, up 6 percent from last year. If realized will represent the highest planted acreage in the United States since 2013, and will be the third highest planted acreage in the United States since 1944. Soybean planted area is estimated at 82.2 million acres, down less than 1 percent from 2015. All cotton planted area is estimated at 9.56 million acres, 11 percent above last year. Peanuts planted are estimated at 1.47 million acres, down 9 percent.

Key findings for the Southern Region:

Alabama: Corn planted is estimated at 340,000 acres, up 31 percent from 2015. Cotton planted is forecast up 2 percent at 320,000 acres. Peanuts at 170,000 acres, are down 15 percent from the 2015 planted acres. Soybeans planted are down 6 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2016 is down 25 percent from last year.

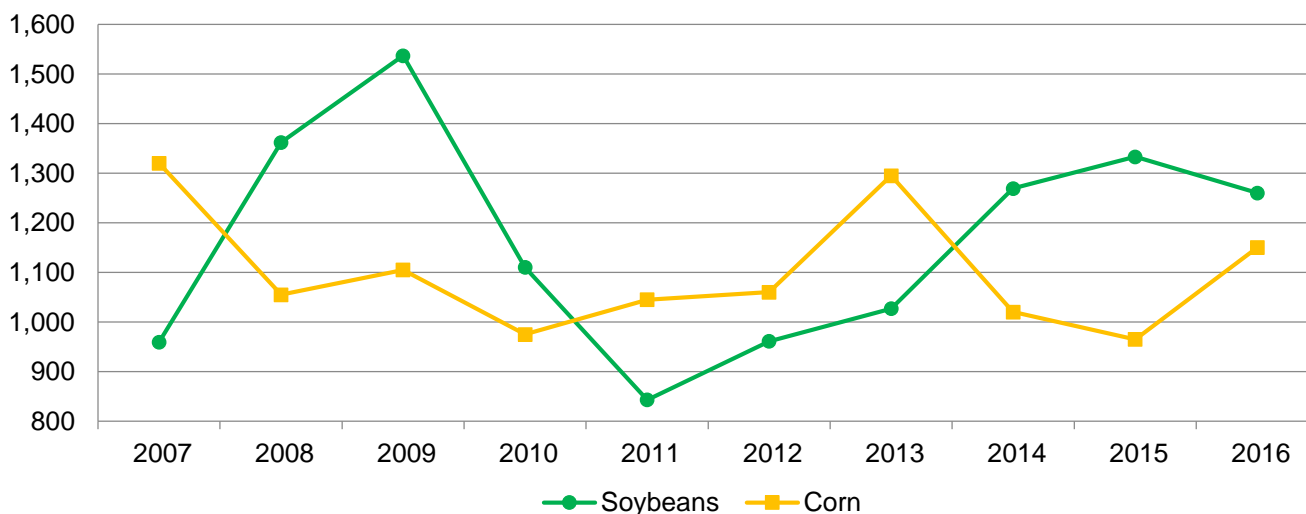
Florida: Corn planted is estimated at 100,000 acres, up 25 percent from 2015. Cotton planted is forecast up 6 percent at 90,000 acres. Peanuts at 150,000 acres are down 21 percent from the 2015 planted acres. Soybeans planted are down 9 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2016 is down 20 percent from last year.

Georgia: Corn planted is estimated at 390,000 acres, up 18 percent from 2015. Cotton planted is forecast up 2 percent at 1.15 million acres. Peanuts at 730,000 acres are down 7 percent from the 2015 planted acres. Soybeans planted acres are down 2 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted for 2016 is down 7 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Corn planted is estimated at 320,000 acres, up 8 percent from 2015. Cotton planted is forecast down 19 percent to 190,000 acres. Peanuts at 110,000 acres, down 2 percent from the 2015 planted acres. Soybeans planted are down 7 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted at 90,000 acres is down 47 percent from last year. If realized this will be the lowest planted acreage since 1978.

Southern Region Corn and Soybean Acreage: 2007-2016

1,000 acres



Small Grain Area Planted — States and United States: 2014-2016

Crop and State	Area Planted ¹			
	2014	2015	2016	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Oats ²				
Alabama.....	50	55	60	109
Georgia.....	60	65	55	85
South Carolina.....	21	24	25	104
United States	2,753	3,088	2,751	89
Wheat, winter ²				
Alabama.....	255	260	195	75
Florida.....	15	25	20	80
Georgia.....	300	215	200	93
South Carolina.....	230	170	90	53
United States	42,409	39,461	36,216	92

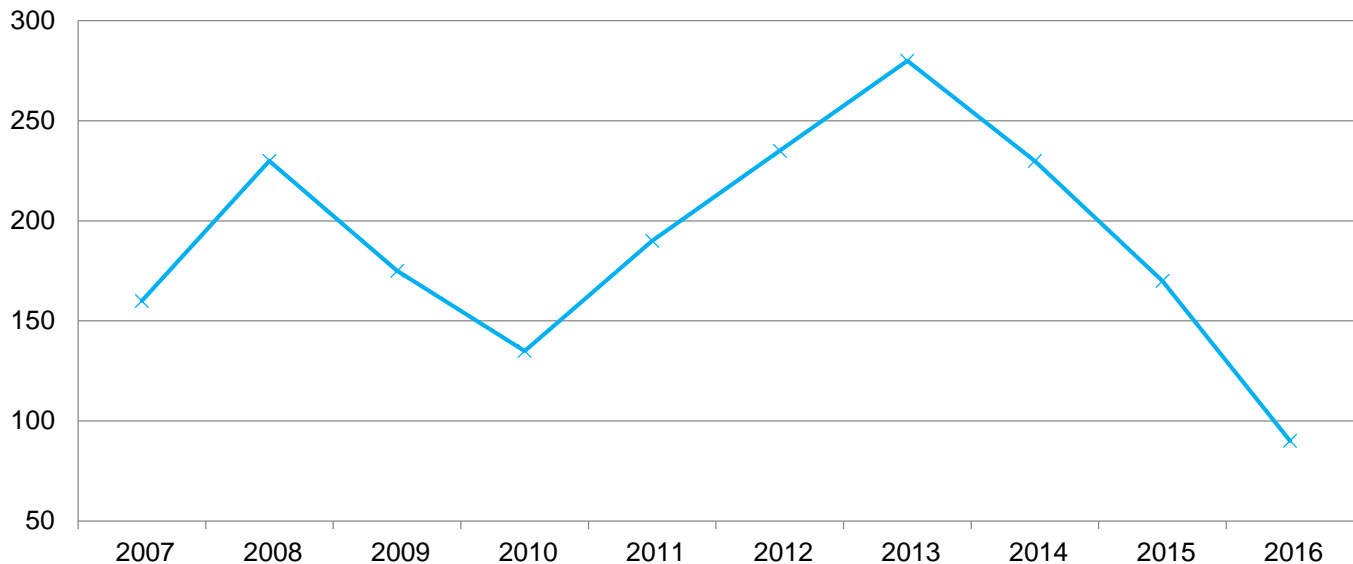
¹ Forecasted.

² Includes area planted in preceding fall.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Prospective Plantings*, March 2016.

South Carolina Wheat Acreage: 2007-2016

1,000 acres



Row Crop and Other Crops — States and United States: 2014-2016

Crop and State	Area planted ¹			
	2014	2015	2016	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(percent)
Corn ²				
Alabama	300	260	340	131
Florida	75	80	100	125
Georgia.....	350	330	390	118
South Carolina.....	295	295	320	108
United States	90,597	87,999	93,601	106
Cotton, all				
Alabama	350.0	315.0	320.0	102
Florida	107.0	85.0	90.0	106
Georgia.....	1,380.0	1,130.0	1,150.0	102
South Carolina.....	280.0	235.0	190.0	81
United States	11,037.4	8,580.5	9,562.0	111
Hay, all				
Alabama	750	730	730	100
Florida	320	290	300	103
Georgia.....	580	570	570	100
South Carolina.....	270	300	290	97
United States	57,062	54,437	54,305	100
Peanuts				
Alabama	175.0	200.0	170.0	85
Florida	175.0	190.0	150.0	79
Georgia.....	600.0	785.0	730.0	93
South Carolina.....	112.0	112.0	110.0	98
United States	1,354.0	1,625.0	1,476.0	91
Sorghum ²				
Georgia.....	40	50	35	70
United States	7,138	8,459	7,216	85
Soybeans				
Alabama	480	500	470	94
Florida	39	33	30	91
Georgia.....	300	325	320	98
South Carolina.....	450	475	440	93
United States	83,276	82,650	82,236	99
Sweet Potatoes				
Florida	6.0	5.6	(D)	(D)
United States	137.3	156.9	169.4	108
Tobacco ³				
Georgia.....	15.0	13.5	13.5	100
South Carolina.....	15.8	13.0	14.5	112
United States	378.4	326.6	314.5	96

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

¹ Intended plantings in 2016 as indicated by reports from farmers.

² Planted for all purposes, harvested for grain

³ Intended area harvested in 2016 as indicated by farmers.

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